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Building sites

* 674 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government of India have recommended to this Government to bring in a Legislation to control the prices of building sites?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether Government have fixed any economic price per ground for building sites in Madras City?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The contemplated legislation may be on the following lines, i.e., that the amount of compensation to be awarded for land acquired should be taken on the basis of the actual use to which the land was put to at the date of the notification and not on the basis of the suitability or adaptability of the land for any use to which it is put on the date aforesaid.

Bus accident

* 675 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cause of the bus accident on the Cuddalore-Viruthachalam road on the 14th November 1960; and

(*b*) the number of lives lost and the number injured?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The accident was due to collapse of the culvert when the bus passed over it.

(*b*) Three lives were lost and 30 persons were injured.

Metropolitan Board

* 676 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish a Metropolitan Board for the City of Madras to tackle the water-supply, sewage drainage and garbage disposal; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the Corporation of Madras is finding it difficult to cope with the ever-increasing problem of water-supply, drainage, etc.? Is the Government aware of the fact that in the metropolitan cities of Bombay and Calcutta, they have Metropolitan Boards for